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RE: Pacificorp Deer Creek Mine Permit Renewal Application Request for Informal Conference

To Whom It May Concern:

This request for an informal conference is being filed on behalf of Utah Environmental Congress for the above permit renewal. Utah Admin. Code R645-300-123. It is being filed concurrently with UEC's formal objection that will form the basis of issues to be discussed during informal conference. These issues are outlined in UEC's objection and include but is not limited to the issue of Forest Service authority to authorize measures designed to protect the surface environment and the points raised in UEC's appeal filed to the U.S. Forest Service. It is attached to UEC's objection. UEC hopes to discuss several of the terms of the agreement that the UEC signed with the U.S. Forest Service.

UEC would prefer to have the conference located in Salt Lake City as opposed to the locale of the coal mine in question. However, UEC would request that the U.S. Forest Service and Alice Carlton attend the conference. UEC does not oppose the conference being held in Price since this is where the Manti La Sal National Forest is located and is proximate to the mine in question.

Sincerely,



Joel Ban
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